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**IMPLANTABLE CARDIAC STIMULATION DEVICE THAT  
DEFIBRILLATES THE ATRIA WHILE AVOIDING  
THE VENTRICULAR VULNERABLE PERIOD AND METHOD**

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**Abstract of the Disclosure**

10       An implantable cardiac stimulation device applies defibrillating  
electrical energy to the atria of a heart at a time which avoids inducing  
ventricular fibrillation of the heart. The device includes an atrial fibrillation  
detector that detects atrial fibrillation of the heart, a pacing pulse  
generator that applies a ventricular pacing pulse to the heart responsive  
15       to detection of atrial fibrillation, a timer that times a time period through an  
evoked response and a T-wave caused by the pacing pulse, and a  
defibrillation pulse generator that applies defibrillating electrical energy to  
the atria of the heart after the timer completes the timing of the time  
period.